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ABSTRACT

In this collection of 35 brief essays, openly gay and lesbian teachers describe their experiences with homophobia and homosexuality in the education community. Following "Prologue: A Letter to Jerry" (D. Ellison), the book is in four parts. Part 1, "Memories," includes: (1) "I Remember" (K. Jennings); (2) "Skeleton Key" (H. E. Burwell): (3) "Wanda and the Wastebasket" (A. Lipkin); (4) "Teaching with the Heart" (R. Ritchart); (5) "It's the Teachers! The Teachers Are Coming Out!" (P. McCart); (6) "Riding the Horse" (W. J. Blumenfeld); and (7) "No Regrets" (G. Dowd). Part 2, "Journeys," includes: (8) "I Have Come Here To Die" (B. M. Hunter); (9) "You Can't Tell by Looking at Me" (C. Robinson); (10) "The Life beyond the Vita" (J. P. Pikala); (11) "Shelly, Hallie, Jack, and Me" (B. Respini); (12) "You Can't Tell Him I'm Not" (R. Irwin); (13) "Straightforward, But Not Straight" (S. Warren); (14) "Out in the Country" (K. Bell); (15) "I'd Rather the Honesty" (S. Ford); (16) "Yes, I Am" (J. Bridgman); and (17) "Coming Out of the Cloakroom" (G. Campbell). Part 3 "Struggles," includes: (18) "One Teacher in Ten Thousand: Out in Kentucky" (T. Prince); (19) "Ms. G. Is a Lesbian" (T. Gruenwald); (20) "So What Does Happen When You Answer Yes to the 'L' Question?" (J. Griffin); (21) "On Being Out in the Classroom: Dilemma or Duty?" (R. Saint Pierre); (22) "Say It to My Face" (L. Brtek); (23) "Get Over It" (K. Keough); (24) "Insisting on Ignorance: The Paradox of Withholding Knowledge in Our Schools" (D. Bruton). Part 4, "Victories," includes: (25) "Private Conversations" (P. Smith); (26) "Telling Our Stories, Winning Our Freedom" (R. Wilson); (27) "Building a GLOBE in Nebraska" (J. Heineman); (28) "Out and Outcome" (J. Smith); (29) "We Don't Have a Problem Here" (R. Parlin); (30) "What's a Girl to Do?" (G. H. Coburn); (31) "It's Who You Are That Counts" (B. Zimmerman); (32) "Teaching and Learning" (E. Temple); (33) "Among Friends" (T. Mormon); (34) "Working My Way Back Home" (R. Sellars); and (35) "Epilogue: The Question" (A. Osbaldeston). The appendices are: "A Legal Overview of the Rights of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Teachers" (M. L. Bonauto), and "Gay and Lesbian Teacher Organizations in the United States." (ND)